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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, AR

SUBJECT: CALL ON FONMIN

1. ON THURSDAY MORNING, SEP 20, I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER ALBERTO VIGNES AT HIS REQUEST. APPOINTMENT STEMMED BOTH FROM MY REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE (HE LEFT FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE SHORTLY AFTER MY RECENT LEAVE) AND FROM HIS DESIRE TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH HEADS OF MAJOR FOREIGN MISSIONS HERE.

2. IN COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION HE SAID THAT, UPON ASSUMING HS POSITION, HE HAD FOUND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN A STATE OF COMPLETE SHAMBLES, FILLED WITH PEOPLE UNDER PUIG WITH WHOM HE REFUSED TO DEAL. PERON, HE SAID, HAD ASKED HIM TO ASSUME THE POST WITH THE SPECIFIC MISSION OF CLEANING UP THE MESS THERE. (MIN INT BENITO LLAMBI HAS TOLD ME HE FACED THE SAME PROBLEMS WHEN HE PRELACED RIGHI).

3. VIGNES SAID THAT HE HAD KEPT DE LA PLAZA (NOW AS SPECIAL ADVISOR) IN THE MINISTRY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS REMARKABLE ABILITIES, EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOT A PERONIST.

4. IN DISCUSSING THE LOCAL SCENE, VIGNES TOOK PAINS TO STRESSING  
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THAT PERON IS STAUNCHLY ANTI-COMMUNIST, BUT IS OF COURSE A

POLITICIAN WHOSE MOVES ARE INFLUENCED BY WHAT HE REGARDS AS POLITICAL NECESSITIES. VIGNES POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAD LITTLE FOLLOWING HERE UNTIL AFTER THE OUSTER OF PERON IN 1955. HE BLAMED THE INEPTITUDE OF INTERVENING GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS AFTER 1966, FOR THE RISE IN COMMUNIST INFLUENCE HERE.

5. VIGNES TOLD ME THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD WITH INTENSE ANTICIPATION TO HIS TRIP TO THE STATES FOR UNGA AND TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, TO WHICH HE (AND EMBASSY) ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE. HE HAS RECEIVED INVITATION TO DINNER AND INTERVIEW FROM USUN THROUGH GOA REPRESENTATIVE. VIGNES INDICATED THAT HE IS COMFORTABLE IN EITHER SPANISH OR FRENCH. HIS ENGLISH IS LIMITED AND AN INTERPRETER SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR ANY MEETINGS IN THAT LANGUAGE.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES IS HOSTING A FAREWELL LUNCHEON ON SEP 24 IN MY HONOR AND TOLD ME HE EXPECTED TO ATTEND MY FAREWELL RECEPTION TONIGHT.  
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